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February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 772 million pounds of milk during February, up 7.8 percent from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 68.4 pounds, up 1.3 pounds from February 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 403,000 head for February, up 22,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2014. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 62.8 pounds in February, 0.3 pound above February 2014. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 106,000 head more than February 2014, and 2,000 head more than January 2015.

Milk production, February

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Cows1,000 Hd	378	381	403	8,501	8,516	8,622
Daily rate per cowPounds	67.1	67.1	68.4	61.9	62.5	62.8
ProductionMil lbs	711	716	772	14,720	14,892	15,149